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Linking Banks With Small Businesses



Entrepreneurs from across Afghanistan flocked to the Access to Finance exhibition organized by the Afghanistan Banks Association with USAID support. Over the course of two days, 36 banks, microfinance institutions, insurance companies and mobile network operators interacted with small businesses and women entrepreneurs from across the country. The objective was to link those in need of capital with institutions that might be able to provide it.

Eight workshops were held on topics ranging from financing the construction sector, capacity building for the Afghan financial sector, insurance, credit guarantee schemes and credit registries, financing opportunities for women, leasing, mobile money, and trade finance.

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A woman entrepreneur from Bamyan asks a representative of the Bank-e-Millie about a loan to develop her business